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| For: PISTON RING, THERMAL SPRAY) | ) |                           |
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**REPLY TO OA OF JULY 28, 2006: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Sir:

Replying to the Official Action of July 28, 2006,  
please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.